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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Salkoff *et al.*

Application No.: 09/176,664

Filed: October 21, 1998

For: **pH SENSITIVE POTASSIUM
CHANNEL IN SPERMATOCYTES**

Examiner: Nirmal S. Basi

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the second Office Action mailed January 3, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for three months, from April 3, 2001, to July 3, 2001, is enclosed. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 9-11, 14-16, 26, 45, and 48 as follows.

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 12, 13, 17-25 and 28-44 without prejudice to subsequent revival.